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SUBJECT: SADAT ON PEACE PROCESS

1. DURING COURSE OF ONE-AND-HALF HOUR PRESS CONFERENCE
FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, PRESIDENT SADAT INTER ALIA
MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON CURRENT STATUS OF PEACE
PROCESS (OTHER COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL).

2. "THE MOMENTUM OF THE PEACE PROCESS NOW IS SLACKING
BUT IT HAS NOT STOPPED. APPROXIMATELY DAILY I HAVE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR LEFT LAST WEEK WITH COMPLETE SURVEY FROM MY
SIDE TO BE PUT BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER. THE ISRAELI
POSITION IS STILL IN STAGNATION LIKE IT WAS BEFORE. BUT,
LET ME TELL YOU THIS: WHENEVER THERE ARE NEW ELEMENTS
FROM THE ISRAELI SIDE, AS I SAID BEFORE ON THE FIRST OF
MAY, EGYPT WILL BE OPENHEARTED AND OPEN-MINDED TO RE-
CEIVE THIS NEW ELEMENT AND START THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.
NOT BEFORE THAT.

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3. "IF THERE ARE NEW ELEMENTS, FOR SURE IF THEY CAN GIVE
NEW ELEMENTS FROM THEIR SIDE, THERE WILL BE NEW ELEMENTS
FROM OUR SIDE. THIS IS THE TRUE SITUATION. IT IS A
STALEMATE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BUT. . . THE PEACE PROCESS
HAS NOT FROZEN YET. IT IS GOING, BUT IN VERY SLOW
MOTION LIKE SOME MOVIES. . . WE ARE READY FOR ANY NEW

ELEMENT FROM THE ISRAELI SIDE AND THERE WILL BE
RECIPROCATION." MATTHEWS

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